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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

PORTLAND DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

CITY OF PORTLAND,

Defendant.

Case No. 3:12-cv-02265-SI

ENHANCED AMICUS ALBINA
MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE COALITION
FOR JUSTICE AND POLICE REFORM
AND AMICUS MENTAL HEALTH
ALLIANCE OF OREGON'S JOINT
RESPONSE TO THE COURT'S 1/12/21
ORDER REGARDING 2021 SCHEDULING

At the Court’s invitation, Dkt. # 227, Enhanced Amicus the Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform (“AMAC”) and Amicus Mental Health Alliance of Oregon (“MHA”), collectively “Amici,” submit the following joint position on the Court’s 1/12/21 scheduling order.

As an initial matter, Amici note that Portland voters recently passed a police oversight ballot measure by over 80% that will replace the Independent Police Review. AMAC and MHA strongly urge the U.S. Department of Justice, the Portland Police Association, and the City of Portland to support implementation of the ballot measure, and not use the Settlement Agreement to avoid implementation of the will of Portland voters.

Secondly, Amici inform the Court that, at this juncture, the Court’s directive to the parties at February 2020 hearing to collectively determine metrics for PCCEP success has not yet been fulfilled. AMAC and MHA collaborated on and drafted a series of metrics to determine PCCEP success; these metrics are guidelines rather than mandates. Amici presented these metrics to the U. S. Department of Justice, who deferred to the City, and to the City, who largely deferred to the PCCEP. PCCEP considered the metrics at its September 2020 meeting and ultimately voted not to vote on whether to adopt the metrics. Amici will continue to work on objective criteria to assess the PCCEP’s success. Moreover, Amici intend to file more substantive status reports in the coming months.

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Finally, Amici support the Court's stated intent to move the status hearing to summer or Fall of 2021, as Amici value in-person hearings, but would support remote hearings if the time comes and an in-person hearing is not feasible.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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